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SUBJ: AMB SCALI'S MEETING WITH ZAMBIAN PERMREP BANDA, DEC 10

1. ZAMBIAN PERMREP BANDA, AT HIS REQUEST, CALLED ON AMB SCALI DEC 10. BANDA ORIGINALLY HAD ASKED TO BRING ALONG A SWAPO REP BUT, WITH OUR ENCOURAGEMENT, AGREED THAT SWAPO CONTACTS WOULD BETTER BE CONDUCTED BY US MISOFF OF LOWER LEVEL.

2. AMB SCALI BEGAN CONVERSATION BY PRAISING PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S EFFORTS IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSAKA. AMB SCALI OBSERVED THAT RESULTS TO DATE, WHILE PAINSTAKING, SHOW MERIT OF THE PATIENT PEACEFUL APPROACH TO RESOLVING SUCH PROBLEMS, WHICH USG HAS ADVOCATED. BANDA SAID THAT HE WAS MUCH HEARTENED CONCERNING APPARENT ACCOMMODATION OF ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UNDER ANC UMBRELLA. THERE STILL WAS NEED, HOWEVER, FOR CONTINUED US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA. BANDA WAS CONVINCED OF GOODWILL OF AMERICAN PEOPLE TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THE KEY AREA CONCERNING WHICH SUCH PRESSURE SHOULD BE
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APPLIED ON SOUTH AFRICA IS NAMIBIA.

3. BANDA SAID THAT AFRICAN GROUP AT UN REMAINS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE ON AFTERNOON OF DEC 11. WERE SUCH A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE, DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED, SINCE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE ITEM PRIOR TO DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS IN COUNCIL DEC 13. AFRICANS WERE, THEREFORE, OF TWO MINDS, CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF MEETING THIS WEEK. (FYI: AS OF EVENING DEC 10, AFRICANS HAD DECIDED NOT TO ASK FOR MEETING FOR DEC 11, BUT WERE TOYING WITH IDEA OF REQUESTING SESSION FOR SATURDAY, DEC 14, OR FOR DEC 16. END FYI) BANDA GAVE AMB SCALI A COPY OF LATEST AFRICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, WHICH WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY SEPTTEL. BASICALLY, IT ADDS A PREAMBULAR SECTION TO SWAPO DRAFT TRANSMITTED EARLIER IN USUN 5550 (NOTAL).

4. AMB SCALI COUNSELED AGAINST USE OF CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE IN ANY DRAFT SC RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA. BANDA SAID HE APPRECIATED THAT POINT. AMB SCALI ALSO OBSERVED THAT A TIGHT TIMETABLE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. AMB SCALI ADDED THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BECOME OVERLY DETAILED EITHER, DESPITE PROBABLE INTEREST OF SWAPO IN INCLUDING DETAILS.

5. IN CLOSING, BANDA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THRUST OF AMB SCALI'S SPEECH IN PLENARY DEC 6, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT AGREE THAT "TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY" WAS IRRESPONSIBLE. HE ADMITTED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT SINCE SOUTH AFRICA HAD ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL VIOLATIONS OF CHARTER, GA HAD BEEN FORCED TO USE AN ILLEGAL SUSPENSION PROCEDURE IN RETALIATION. AMB SCALI TOLD BANDA THAT ONE ILLEGAL ACTION COULD NOT JUSTIFY USING ILLEGALITY TO COUNTER IT; THE PROVERBIAL TWO WRONGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT.
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